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cool spots

PULAU PAYAR MARINE PARK: Ready for some great water activities such as snorkelling and scuba-diving? You can head for Pulau Payar which lies just 30km south-east of Langkawi.

It is touted as the best marine park on Malaysia's West Coast not just by foreign visitors but by a growing number of local scuba-diving enthusiasts.

A sprinkling of jade green islands make up Pulau Payar which is pristine, well-preserved and uninhabited.

If you're looking for a spectacular experience of marine life, you are certainly in the right place. The best diving is along the reef system that skirts the south, east and west of Pulau Payar.

Visibility varies, so you need to check with your dive operator. In ideal conditions, you get an absolutely mesmerising experience of an undersea wonderland that is the "Coral Garden".

You can get to Pualau Payar from Kuah Jetty in Langkawi by speed boat or catamaran. The journey takes about 45 minutes. The Payar Marine Park was gazetted a protected area in 1985 after many years of overfishing.

World Wide Fund for Nature studies have shown that a diverse marine population – including 36 genera of hard corals, 92 other marine invertebrates and 45 genera of fish – thrive in these waters.

Indeed, the Payar Marine Park – also a marine research centre – demonstrates how proper conservation, good management and the promotion of eco-tourism can safeguard the environment for future generations.

The warm clear waters are perfect for a spot of snorkelling or diving. After being cordoned off as a marine park, the marine life here has rejuvenated from the days of blast-fishing, trawling and heavy sedimentation. Now the park is one of the best dive sites in the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.



THE "VILLAGE": A CULTURAL TREAT IN SARAWAK

Except for the monsoon season from October till early-January, anytime is a good time for a dive. The waters closer to the island are generally calmer during the drier seasons. If you are a novice, do note that the waters around Pulau Payar's neigbouring islands – Pulau Kaca and Pulau Segantang – have been found to be a bit rough as they are wide open. There are no bays or coves.

There is no accommodation for rent in Pulau Payar. But camping is allowed with prior permission from the Fisheries Department in Alor Setar (Tel: 604-7342135; Fax: 04-7304623) or Kuala Lumpur (Tel: 603-2982011; Fax: 03-2910305).

SARAWAK CULTURAL VILLAGE: On a sprawling seven-hectare gently undulating terrain of tropical greenery, a "village" nestles in clear view of the legendary Mount Santubong, 35km from Kuching.

This is Sarawak's fascinating cultural showcase, which is aptly named "the living museum".

The award-winning "Sarawak Cultural Village" is where the visitor gets a chance to come up close to Sarawak's rich heritage and its ethnic diversity.

Traditional longhouses, roundhouses and huts built around a lake. In each house is someone dressed in traditional costume, representing an ethnic group, who is there to tell stories that explain tribal traditions.



LAKE DAYANG BUNTING

Visitors are invited to take part in various activities. Join an Iban war dance, get carried away shooting darts with a blowpipe or even partake in drinking tuak (the potent rice wine). and try your hand at Bidayuh bamboo-carving, or Penan trap-making.

You can also find exotic and beautiful handicraft, including the Kain Songket (Malay cloth with gold inlay), Pua Kumbu (Iban housewives' textiles), Melanau Terendak (sunhat), Bidayuh tambok (basket), Iban parang (swords), Orang Ulu wood carving and Chinese ceramics.

A 45-minute cultural performance of songs, dances and entertainment is in the programme.

The village is just a five-minute walk from the beach hotels, which are replicas of traditional longhouses, roundhouses and huts built around a lake.

In fact, some people have found the village to be the ideal place to... tie the knot! For one thing, you get a ceremony of your choice – Iban, Bidayuh, Orang Ulu or Malay.

The village is also the venue of the annual Gawai Tourism Night held in May and the hugely popular Rainforest World Music Festival held annualy in July for the last 10 years.

TASIK DAYANG BUNTING: Many people know it as The Lake Of The Pregnant Maiden. It is the largest lake in Langkawi, located on the beautiful and wild island of Pulau Dayang Bunting.

Childless women visit the lake and take a quick safe dip, or sip of the water. Many believe in its "magical" waters because "miracles" have been known to happen after a visit.

According to legend, Tasik Dayang Bunting is guarded by a white crocodile that bestows good luck on those entering the waters.

Dayang Bunting Island is believed to have been the scene of a celestial love story. It is here that Mat Teja, a sorcerous genie, was ensnared by the charms of Mambang Sari, a faerie princess. To win her affection, Mat Teja procured mermaids' tears and smeared them on his face on the advice of a wise man, Tok Diang.

A romance ensued and Mambang Sari was soon with child. But, the ill-fated child did not survive the first week of his birth. Distraught at the loss of her son, Mambang Sari entrusted the corpse of the child to the waters of the lake and returned to her celestial abode.

The corpse turned into a white crocodile which still resides in the waters, according to legend. It is believed the crocodile continues to appear to those who are upright and pious.

Mambang Sari was said to have also blessed the lake so that any childless woman drinking water from it shall soon be blessed with progeny.

The lake is nestled amidst lush forested hills, lined on one side by hills and rocky outcrops that resemble a pregnant woman lying on her back.

make a date

Mega Shopping Carnival 2007
Aug 1-Sept 30

Sultan's Cup Terengganu Endurance Challenge
Setiu, Terengganu, *Aug 3-4*

Penang Biathlon 2007
Aug 5

50 Years of Nationhood – World Lion Dance Invitation
Genting Highlands, *Aug 3-5*

Johor Open Sailboat Championship 2007
Johor, *Aug 4-5*

Informal Meeting of the OIC Ministers of Science and Technology
Kuala Lumpur, *Aug 4-5*

Malaysia International Jewellery Fair 2007
Aug 9-12

Penang World of Percussion
Aug 10-12

Malaysia Food Festival Spice Route
Suria KLCC Centrecourt, Concourse, *Aug 10-12*

Malaysia International Fireworks Competition
Putrajaya, *Aug 15-30*

Malaysia Food Fesival Tutti Fruity
Lower Grd Flr, 1Utama Shopping Centre, *Aug 17-19*

Miri International Kart Prix
Aug 18 -19

Malaysian Folks Arts Festival

Includes a series of performances showcasing the varied art forms representing many areas and communities in Malaysia. All performances will be held in Kuala Lumpur. The differences that exists have never been a limitation but the catalyst that spurs the intimate and harmonious relationship amongst the many cultures, forming a neatly woven fabric that is the rich and beautiful people of Malaysia.

National Culture and Arts Department, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia (KEKKWA)
Aug 18-21

Malaysia International Fireworks Competition 2007
Putrajaya, ***Aug 18-Sept 2***

Merdeka Eve Classical Film Festival, *Aug 24-31*

Rice Festival
Main Concourse, Lower Level 1
Sunway Pyramid, *Aug 24-26*

Mount Kinabalu International Climbathon
Sabah, *Aug 25-26*

Eve of Merdeka Fireworks
Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya, *Aug 30*

Merdeka Celebrations
Nationwide, *Aug 31*

SELAMAT DATANG BY NURAINA SAMAD

BIG, BIG CELEBRATION



THIS month it is not just our National Day or "Hari Merdeka" that we are celebrating. It is our 50th year of nationhood. So you can expect an awesome celebration.

August 31 is our National Day. Since it is a very meaningful and significant day, you will see the culmination of all the events that have been organised since the beginning of the year. Remember this year is also Visit Malaysia Year.

On the eve of the big day, there'll be more than fireworks to celebrate this day in history for Malaysians.

It has been said many times, but I dare say it again, that since becoming an independent sovereign State, the country has charted remarkable progress.

You see it and you feel it.

So come join the celebration and have loads of fun. Enjoy!

Before I forget, I'd like to draw your attention to a titillating event that will take place over three weeks from Aug 10 to 26 in Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya and Subang Jaya.

It has got to do with what Malaysians love best. Yes, you've guessed it. Food!

How can you resist partaking in something called the "Malaysian Food Festival 2007" where you can get to experience a "Melting Pot of Culture and Cuisine"?

Find your way there. The festival is being divided into three themes – The Spice Route which is the opening segment; Tutti Fruti; and Rice Festival. **(SEE p4)**

Have another month of fun and great things. Until then,

Jumpa Lagi.

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AFFINITY WITH METAL





RAJA SHAHRIMAN RAJA AZIDDIN IS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF SCULPTORS IN MALAYSIA. YOU CAN FIND HIM MOST TIMES AT HIS LITTLE STUDIO – SHACK, RATHER – AT HIS HOME IN KUALA KANGSAR, WORKING WITH METAL. IT'S PHYSICALLY HARD WORK. THAT'S WHY VERY FEW ARTISTS CHOOSE THIS PATH. THAT'S WHY, PERHAPS, RAJA SHAHRIMAN DECIDED TO DO SO.



HE looks like a mechanic, working on a broken-down car. Hands black and oily, the man was in t-shirt and cargo pants. The only things missing are an automobile and auto-repair equipment that you'd find in a garage.

But then Raja Shahriman, 40, is not a mechanic although he loves to work with, and on, metals.

He is a sculptor whose life revolves around art and sculpting.

The day KLIA Times met up with him at his home in Kuala Kangsar, this Perak-born royalty was working on his latest piece, which was a mess of metal that looks like nothing but a mess of metal.

"That's because I am just beginning to work on the metal," he said, in a soft and gentle voice.

Raja Shahriman was born in this royal town of Kuala Kangsar, in the northern state of Perak. He studied at Universiti Teknologi Mara from 1986 to 1990 where he obtained a Diploma in Art and Design (Fine Arts) majoring in Sculpting.

After graduation, he became a lecturer at the Malaysian Institute of Art for three years.

Between 1989 and 1993, Raja Shahriman was active in the local art scene, taking part in exhibitions at various locations from Kota Baru and Kuala Lumpur to Kuching as well as overseas in Singapore and Bangkok.

But it was only after his lecturing stint that he decided to head for his home town – to do what he was trained to do and what he knew he loved most – sculpting. He never looked back.

From 1994 to 2006, he held a series of exhibitions, namely "Killing Tools, War Box, Lalang" a three-man show at the National Art Gallery (1994) in Kuala Lumpur; first solo exhibition "Gerak Tempur 1" at Pelita Hati Gallery of Art in Kuala Lumpur (1996); second solo exhibition "Api, Bayangan dan Kemenyan" at Pelita Hati (1998); third solo exhibition "Semangat Besi" at Galeri Petronas, KLCC in Kuala Lumpur (2001); group exhibition "Formative" at Valentine Willie Arts in Bangsar, KL (2003); fourth solo exhibition "Nafas" at the National Art Gallery (2004); and a two-man exhibition at Pelita Hati Gallery (2006).

Raja Shahriman is now working on his next solo exhibition, the date for which has not been fixed.

Why, you might ask, would someone as privileged as he is, choose this discipline of art? It's a lot of hard work. Real physical hard work that would qualify him as an ironsmith in days of yore.

Indeed, Raja Shahriman defies the conventional notion of what an artist ought to look like.

He confesses to an affinity with metal. He loves the entire process of extracting the best out of the metal – heating, softening, knocking and shaping it into an amazing work of art.

Never mind if it involves working with a hot furnace and an old-fashioned anvil as well as very basic tools in a grinding "studio".

Raja Shariman's works never fail to evoke awe – and shock, even. Perhaps, they were meant to do that.

For example, his "Gerak Tempur" solo exhibition had a fellow artist describing his sculptures as "seething with aggression, violence and machismo."

Wong Hoy Cheong said: "They were not exactly expressionistic or surreal. The intellect, heart and spirit were inconsequential. Instead, these sculptures possessed an almost cold-blooded fascination with the gut."

On his "Nafas" exhibition, artist Nur Hanim Mohamed Khairuddin, who curated the exhibition, examined his sculptures and found that his "art and artistic-life revolve around his passionate drive to evoke the search for the Self, to awaken self-consciousness... he proceeds with his art making along the line of beauty and *iman* (faith)."

Nur Hanim concluded that the body of work in the "Nafas" series was perhaps "a manifestation of Raja Shahriman's sigh of relief as he might have at last found the beautiful convergent point of aniconism-iconoclasm in his search for the Self".

Asked why he preferred sculpting to say, painting, Raja Shahriman said he finds satisfaction in this three-dimensional discipline of fine arts.

"I love to work with my hands," he said, as if to sum up everything.

For an exhibition, Raja Shahriman would produce a minimum of 20 sculptures. And just like any other artist, inspiration is paramount. So, there is no telling how long he would take to complete his task.

Asked further whether his love for metals and sculpting was his innate way of keeping in touch with his heritage and ancestry?

Raja Shahriman momentarily fell silent. "Yes, perhaps. Because I love collecting keris and any similar form of weaponry, repair them and making them new."

He said he had always liked the keris since he was a little boy, something he inherited from his father, Raja Aziddin Raja Ahmad.

Today, Raja Shahriman has a collection of more than 100 keris and such, most of which he obtained locally. A few he bought from abroad.

Raja Shahriman is passionate about his hobby. He cleans and polishes the keris, knives and swords with a lot of care.

He sells some of them and preserves the rest.

Married to businesswoman Normala Lot, 38, they live in a house he built – a double-storey half brick-half wooden house that is painted black.

Raja Shahriman's public sculptures are on display in Taman Wawasan, Public Bank in Jalan Sultan Sulaiman, Kuala Lumpur, and at the Perak State Legislative Assembly in Ipoh, Perak.

He has collections exhibited at the National Art Gallery, A.P. Gallery and Petronas Gallery in Kuala Lumpur; Fukuoka Art Museum, Japan; the National Singapore Museum; and the Cultural Centre of Thailand in Bangkok.

MALAYSIA BAGS 4 PATA AWARDS

MALAYSIA has won four awards at the prestigious Pacific Asia Travel Association (Pata) Gold Awards this year.

Tourism Malaysia clinched three of the four, winning the "Marketing Media-Broadcast Media" (Malaysia Truly Asia Global TV Commercial), "Marketing Media-Print Media" (Malaysia Truly Asia Media Campaign) and "Marketing Media-Website" (*www.malaysia.travel*) categories.

AsiaReach Events won in the "Marketing Campaign-Industry" category with "The Malaysia International Gourmet Festival 2006."

This year's winners in 28 categories were chosen from an unprecedented 339 entries from 132 organisations worldwide by the Bangkok-based Pata.

According to Pata, cultural heritage and environmental tourism were the dominant themes of the winning entries in this year's Gold Awards.

The four best-of-show Grand Awards went to the Indian Ministry of Tourism in the Marketing category; the Macau Tourist Office (MGTO) for Heritage; Six Senses Resorts & Spas of Thailand for the Environment; and Jetwing Hotels of Sri Lanka for Education & Training.

The winners will be honoured at a special luncheon during the Pata Travel Mart 2007 in Bali on Sept 28.
– *Bernama*

A GOLDEN MERDEKA!

Malaysians are excited and thrilled this month. These words – "50 Years of Nationhood... One Golden Celebration" – are emblazoned everywhere, from coast to coast to remind Malaysians that it has been 50 years since Malaysia became a sovereign nation.

Malaysia is celebrating 50 years of independence – "Merdeka!" A golden jubilee celebration. A brilliant golden celebration of unity, harmony and prosperity in this multi-ethnic and multi-cultural country.

Already, the air is festive everywhere – from Penang to Kuching, Sarawak.

Courtesy of the ministries of Tourism and Heritage, Arts and Culture, together with other related government and private agencies, Malaysians have been enjoying fantastic offerings and promotions that cover a wide range of activities and interests since the beginning of the year.

When Aug 31 arrives, everything will come together – a myriad of parades, cultural performances, street shows and carnivals to commemorate Independence, or Merdeka, Day.

Just as the clock struck midnight, one second into Aug 31 1957, the Union Jack was lowered and the Malaysian flag hoisted for the first time at the Selangor Padang (now Dataran Merdeka) in front of the Sultan Abdul Samad building in Kuala Lumpur.

The next day, independent Malaya's first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, led the people in the famous shouts of Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka! (Independence!) at Stadium Merdeka.

Malaysia has come a mighty long way to become one of Asia's most modern economies.

Since independence, Malaysia which practises parliamentary democracy, has had five prime ministers and held 11 general elections.

In celebrating Merdeka, here is an invitation from Tourism Malaysia:

"For more than 30 years, Merdeka Day celebrations have been marked by parades involving uniformed personnel, corporate players, school children, cultural dancers, athletes and Malaysians from all walks of life. However, in recent years, the event has grown into a much anticipated and exciting month-long celebration nationwide.

"This Golden Jubilee celebration marks a significant milestone in the history of the nation.

"Join the enthusiastic crowd at the Merdeka Square in Kuala Lumpur on the eve of Merdeka Day for the countdown to this momentous event.

"Malaysia invites all visitors to share in the joy and excitement of this momentous occasion.

"Come and be mesmerised by a unique multicultural populace celebrating 50 years of nationhood in harmony and peaceful co-existence. You will truly be fascinated."







DIETING? SPICE ROUTE, TUTTI FRUITY AND RICE FESTIVAL ARE MOUNTING A CONCERTED ASSAULT ON YOUR RESOLVE

A MELTING POT OF CULTURE AND CUISINE

GET ready for a dizzying affair with the richness of Malaysian and international cuisine this month.

It is a gastronomical adventure, even for the food-adventurous Malaysian. From Aug 10 to 26, the first ever Malaysia Food Festival (MFF2007) is being held.

Endorsed by Visit Malaysia Year 2007, the festival highlights distinct elements of the multi-faceted Malaysian culinary culture through three thematic stages: Spice Route, Tutti Fruity and Rice Festival.

Besides featuring Malaysian traditional fares, the MFF2007 presents contemporary culinary creations which are largely international cuisine flavoured with heavy Malaysian influences.

The festical will take you to various locations in the Klang Valley. The Spice Route will be at Suria KLCC Centrecourt, Concourse Level from Aug 10 to 12, the Tuti Fruity, at I-Utama Shopping Centre's Lower Ground Floor Oval in Petaling Jaya from Aug 17 to 19 and the Rice Festival at the Main Concourse, Lower Level 1 of Sunway Pyramid from Aug 24 to 26.

During the duration of MFF2007, the public will be treated to irresistible dining privileges at more than 100 food and beverage establishments. Public Bank credit cardholders will be entitled to additional privileges.

The official sponsors of the Malaysia Food Festival 2007 are JATI, Public Bank, Spritzer and Sunlico.

MFF2007's Supporting Partners include Suria KLCC, 1-Utama Shopping Centre, Sunway Pyramid, Chef Association of Malaysia and the Federal Agriculture Marketing Authority.

For more information on MFF2007, visit *www.mfoodfestival.com*.

One Golden Celebration

Visit Malaysia 2007

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★★★★★ Colours of independence fireworks display ★★★★★

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

31 AUGUST 2007

National Day Events:

National Day Parade, 31 Aug 2007, Stadium Merdeka Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia International Fireworks Competition, 18 Aug – 2 Sept 2007, Putrajaya

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MALAYSIA AIRPORTS TO MANAGE TURKISH AIRPORT

Malaysia Airports has won the bid to manage Sabiha Gokcen International Airport in Turkey for a period of 20 years, edging out four other international airport operators.

Malaysia Airports will, among other things, manage the operations, maintenance and revenue generation of the International and Domestic Terminals of Sabiha Gokcen International Airport and all their related buildings/ equipment and ground handling, fuel supply and bonded warehousing operations at the airport.

This project also involves the construction in 30 months of a new international terminal with a capacity to handle 10 million passengers.

The current international terminal will be converted into an all domestic terminal subsequent to the new terminal's construction.

The total concession fee is euro 1.93 billion and is structured over a 20-year period, with no concession fees payable in first three years.

Malaysia Airports Managing Director Dato' Seri Bashir Ahmad said the deal reinforces Malaysia Airports' status as one of the most sought-after service provider in the field of airport operations.

Sabiha Gokcen International Airport is the second airport in Istanbul with two terminals, covering an area of 3,300 acres.

Currently, it is operated by the Government of Turkey through the Under Secretariat for Defence Industries (Administration).

Malaysia Airports was invited to bid for the project last month by its partner GMR Infrastructure Ltd and the Limak Group, a Turkish company. These three companies will work together to develop, manage and operate the Sabiha Gokcen International Airport.

As an airport operator, Malaysia Airports will take up a minimum equity stake of 20 per cent in the joint venture.

Currently, Malaysia Airports' overseas projects include the new Hyderabad International Airport, Delhi Airport in India and Astana Airport in Kazakhstan.

THREE AIRPORTS IN SABAH NOW AERODROME AND ISO CERTIFIED

KOTA Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA) together with Tawau and Sandakan airports have received the Aerodrome Certification from the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA).

This means that they have been audited and determined to have met the Aerodrome Certification requirement by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

This is a new mandatory requirement of ICAO, that sees all international airports open for public use providing uniform safety conditions for all aircraft.

The certificates were presented by Azharuddin A. Rahman, Director General of Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) to Aznan Othman (Airport Manager of KKIA), Awang Mali Awang Anak (Airport Manager of Sandakan) and Amat Madin (Airport Manager of Tawau) at a ceremony held at a hotel in Kota Kinabalu on July 26.

Malaysia Airports Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Dr Aris Othman and Malaysia Airports Managing Director Dato' Seri Bashir Ahmad witnessed the certificate presentation.

This certificate acknowledges that the airports have met the stringent requirements on Aerodrome Certification based on Annex 14 Convention on International Civil Aviation.

It confirms that the airports have the necessary competency to ensure safety and efficiency of operations. The airports' Aerodrome Manual complies with the requirements of ICAO Document 9774. The infrastructure, service and facilities at these airports comply with the Annex 14 Convention on International Civil Aviation specifications and other specifications set by DCA, and the aerodrome operations procedures comply with safety measures for aircraft operations

The intention of aerodrome certification is to establish a regulatory system to ensure that the facilities, equipment and operational procedures are certified in compliance with the Standard and Recommended practices specified in the ICAO Annex 14 document.

The need for aerodrome certification arises due to rapid air transport growth, the increasing trend towards privatisation of aerodrome and the increasing global concerns on aviation safety.

At the same event, all airports in Sabah namely KKIA, Tawau Airport, Sandakan Airport, Lahad Datu Airport and Labuan Airport further increased airport users' confidence in the services and facilities offered when they received the MS ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System from SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd.



A MALAYSIA AIRPORTS QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND LOYAL SERVICE AWARDS NIGHT



AN MOU BETWEEN MALAYSIA AIRPORTS AND UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH WAS ALSO SIGNED

The certificate was presented to the respective airport managers by Haji Abdul Razak Salim, Executive Director of SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd, witnessed by Tan Sri Datuk Dr Aris and Dato' Seri Bashir.

The scope of registration for this certification covers Management, Operations and Maintenance of Airport Covering Fire and Rescue Services, Aviation Security, Engineering and General Operations.

Dato' Seri Bashir said this was indeed another proud achievement for Malaysia Airports as it will further encourage the airports' staff to maintain their excellent job commitment towards better serving airport users.

"I would like to stress that these certifications will be a challenge in sustaining and improving the service standards at the airports.

"I am also proud to note that all of our international airports have been certified by DCA and SIRIM thus proving our commitment towards ensuring that the airports are following all necessary procedures in daily operations."

Without doubt, this certification will further encourage the staff to strive harder in maintaining and justifying the acknowledgement by DCA and SIRIM, he added.

For their dedication and commitment, 176 employees from airports in Sabah received their Loyal Service Awards at the same event, marking their 25 years of contribution to the airports.

Tan Sri Datuk Datuk Dr Aris and Dato' Seri Bashir presented the awards to the recipients.

Earlier, Malaysia Airports signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), which will enable UMS to organise Executive Diploma in Management for Malaysia Airports' staff, particularly in Sabah.

Dato' Seri Bashir said this was part of Malaysia Airports' continuous effort to enhance knowledge and expand expertise of its staff.

He and Ahmad Zuber Abdul, General Manager Human Resources, signed on behalf of Malaysia Airports while UMS was represented by Prof. Madya Dr Roselina Ahmad Saufi, Managing Director of UMS Link Holdings Sdn Bhd, and Sahat Sadikun, Director of Pusat Pengajian Luar UMS, while Tan Sri Datuk Dr Aris witnessed the signing.



PLAYING SAFE: A NUMBER OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS HAVE BEEN SET UP AT THE AIRPORT

KIDS' HAVEN AT KLIA

AIRPORTS are huge and very busy places. When you're travelling alone or with other adults, you do not have worries other than to make sure that all your travel documents are in order and the baggage have been dealt with.



Or when you happen to be at the airport to send somebody off, it's no big thing – if you are only with other adults.

But when you have children with you, the size of the place may pose a bit of a challenge, as the little ones could to wander off. Unfortunately, airports are an easy place in which to get lost, for kids.

So it is that for quite some time now, travelers and visitors to KL International Airport would head for selected spots where the children can be left safely to amuse themselves.

To help ease parents in their travel experience, there are children's play areas at Level 5 of the Main Terminal Building, at the Satellite Building and the domestic and international level at the Contact Pier.

Some people have dubbed KLIA as a kids' haven. When you hear the squeals of delight amidts all those kiddy equipment, you'd think so too.

How are you?

Excuse me.

Good Morning.

Hello.

Goodbye.

You're welcome.

May I help you?

Thank you.

Welcome.

I'm sorry.

Have a good day!

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REDEVELOPED LABUAN AIRPORT TO BEGIN OPERATIONS SOON



THE ENTIRE PROJECT INVOLVES AN INVESTMENT OF RM365m WITH THE TERMINAL ALONE COSTING RM113m

MALAYSIA Airports is confident that the redeveloped Labuan Airport will be a catalyst to boost passenger movement in the state. The redevelopment of the airport costs RM365 million with the terminal alone accounting for RM113 million.

Construction of this Federal Government project is undertaken by Global Upline Sdn Bhd, while KLIA Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd is the project management consultant.

The project started on Nov 9, 2005 and is scheduled to be completed by Nov 8, 2008.

Currently only the terminal is ready.

The apron is almost ready while the runway will be completed by next year to accommodate the A330.

With the extension of the terminal building, Labuan Airport will have the capacity to handle 2.2 million passengers per annum, from 1.65 million now; and a peak hour capacity of 900 passengers, up from 600.

Malaysia Airports has also introduced a two-tier terminal operation concept to improve passenger flow at the airport.

The floor area was increased from 16,000 sq metres to 22,000 sq m while three additional check-in counters were installed to bring the total to 17. Parking lots meanwhile were increased to 424 from the previous 300.

The runway is currently under construction for an extension from the previous 2,286m x 45m to 2,745m x 60m. The apron, which is also under construction, will be able to accommodate one A330, three B737 and two F50 aircraft at any one time.

For the year 2006, Labuan Airport handled 575,684 passenger movements. It also recorded a 4.2 per cent increase to 3,207 cargo movements last year from 3,077 in 2005 while aircraft movements were up 0.5 per cent. Currently, MAS, AirAsia and FAX are the airlines serving this airport.

Malaysia Airports Managing Director Dato' Seri Bashir Ahmad said: "This is our commitment to further boost the passenger movements at this airport. It is also to further enhance the services and facilities offered at the airport.

"We believe that passengers and airport users at Labuan will experience more comfortable visits from now on and Malaysia Airports will continuously monitor that all our services at this airport are at their level best."

The redeveloped airport will provide better services and modern facilities for all passengers and airport users.

This is in line with Malaysia Airports' objective to continuously improve services and facilities to better serve passengers and airport users.

FULL GRID EXPECTED AT MERDEKA MILLENNIUM ENDURANCE RACE

THE eighth edition of the prestigious 12-hour Merdeka Millennium Endurance Race (MME), to be held at the Sepang Circuit on Aug 25, is likely to draw another full grid of 77 cars and 231 drivers.

Race promoter and organiser Sepang International Circuit (SIC) has received more than 30 entries for the 2007 Petronas Primax 3 Merdeka Millennium Endurance Race.

SIC Chairman Datuk Mokhzani Tun Mahathir said with the event growing from strength to strength over the years, he was confident there would be more than the 77 cars seen in the event's last six editions.

"As in previous editions, the response from the international motorsports fraternity has been very strong," he said at the launch of the event at Sepang Circuit recently.

"Teams from Singapore will be taking part and there will be top drivers from Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan and Australia as well. We should be getting more than 77 entries.

"Of course, this would be sad news to some, as again, they would need to qualify for the racing grid," said Datuk Mokhzani.

Qualifying will be held on Aug 24 where the fastest 77 cars in accordance to their respective classes will start the actual race as only a maximum of 77 cars are allowed for a race at Sepang Circuit as stipulated under its licence issued by the FIA.

Datuk Mokhzani thanked Petronas, the national petroleum company which had been a sponsor of the MME since its inaugural event at the turn of the millennium as the Official Fuel Provider.

"As we all know and appreciate, Petronas has always been our strongest partner in the promotion and development of motorsports especially for the F1 race," said Datuk Mokhzani, adding that it was the second successive year that Petronas had come forward as the title sponsor.



RESPONSE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORTS FRATERNITY HAS BEEN VERY STRONG

The SIC Chairman also paid tribute to his predecessor, the late Tan Sri Basir Ismail, who he said laid the foundation for the event, which has become Asia's biggest race.

"When Tan Sri Basir mooted the idea for this event, he not only had motorsports development in his mind; but equally important, he wanted to have the MME as part of the Merdeka Day celebrations.

"2007 marks the 50th anniversary of Malaysia's. I must say that the 2007 Petronas Primax 3 Merdeka Millennium Endurance race is the perfect platform to signify the progress that Malaysia has achieved in the last 50 years.

"Malaysian-made cars are now lining up with the top international marques such as Porsche, Subaru, Honda, Nissan and Toyota and on a race track that has been hosting the world's most glamorous racing events – Formula One, MotoGP, A1GP and Super GT," Datuk Mokhzani added.

Tourism Malaysia Director-General Datuk Mirza Mohd Taiyab officiated the event with Petronas Dagangan Senior General Manager (Retail Division) Md Arif Mahmood, who was representing the title sponsor.

At the ceremony, Datuk Mokhzani also received the MME Challenge trophy from 2006 overall winner Tengku Djan Ley Tengku Mahaleel of Team Proton R3 as well as the Silverstone Challenge Trophy from Kumaran Tan of Danville Motorsports, winners of the Class B and C categories.

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OLIVER (right) AND FELLOW YOUNG DEVILS

THE MAN U WAY

SITTING atop the English Premier League last season, and the winner of numerous trophies since 1908, Manchester United needs no introduction. As one of the biggest football clubs and most well-known brands in the world of sports, Man U has been producing legends such as Bobby Charlton, George Best and David Beckham. The secret to their unmatched success is simple: early cultivation.

Born on April 12, 1991, Oliver Norwood enrolled in the Man U Academy at the early age of 10. His life-long dream is to track the footsteps of the likes of David Beckham, Paul Scholes and John O'shea to represent the "Red Devils" and the England squad at the highest level of international football. "Some of the older boys in our team have already been selected for the first team in the premier league. Hopefully, in a couple of years, I'll be able to do the same," said Oliver, the second youngest player in the Man U Under-19 team.

Fully aware of the previous youth teams' achievements at the international level, this Man U midfielder is confident that the current team will be triumphant in the Champions Youth Cup Malaysia 2007, despite admitting that Arsenal would likely pose the biggest challenge to his team in the tournament.

Man U and 15 other international clubs are participating in the inaugural Champions Youth Cup, to be held at locations throughout Malaysia from Aug 8-19.

This soon to be made an annual event is one of the highlights of the "Visit Malaysia 2007" campaign. – *By Rizalman Samiun*

YOUNG AND DETERMINED



MAIORINO

THERE are a lot of traits to explain champions, but raw determination and clarity of goal are certainly among of them. And if you're talking to anyone from AC Milan's Youth team, you'll feel nothing but that.

It's not that they're arrogant; everyone in the squad is just in agreement of one fact: AC Milan is the greatest football club in the world.

"This is not about comparing with the senior team but the Under-19 is filled with talented players too. Although we only started training together a few weeks ago, the chemistry and coordination among the players is remarkable," explained one of the AC Milan club's officials, Rocco Maiorino.

Maiorino's claim is no exaggeration as Milan's youth team has in fact moved out of the shadows of the senior team, the 2007 Champions' League winner. Coached by one of the club's legends, Filippo Galli, and comprising stars such as 18-year-old Matteo Darmian, the team has won various trophies in Italy.

However, Maiorino admits that for the tournament at hand, it won't be an easy ride. "The other 15 clubs also have great teams with world-class players. We're especially keeping a close watch on our old rival, FC Internazionale."

For the Champions Youth Cup Malaysia 2007, AC Milan is in Group A, along with AFC Ajax, Arsenal FC and CR Flamengo. AC Milan start their campaign on Aug 8 in Alor Star, Kedah.

YAHYA IDAR HAS BEEN LOOKING AFTER THE SECURITY OF KLIA, PASSENGERS, AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MALAYSIA AIRPORTS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE AREA SINCE IT OPENED IN 1998. FOR A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE, THE MAN'S SENSE OF DUTY DIRECTLY TRANSLATES INTO ...

A SENSE OF SECURITY

IN some ways, Yahya Idar, Senior Manager of Aviation Security at KL International Airport (KLIA), can be likened to a policeman for the skies.

He may not wield a gun or baton but Yahya and the 1,150 personnel he oversees are entrusted with the security of the airport and its passengers – indeed, anyone that goes to the airport or uses its facilities.

"The personnel in my department are sent for rigorous training. I, too, had to undergo police cadet training before I qualified for this job. The training takes on many forms – everything from target practice and drills to physical training. It's logical to expect us to be fit, for example.

"Look at the size of the airport – we have to be able to move around the entire area with ease," he said.

Yahya, 49, has been in the line for almost 23 years and has been stationed at various airports throughout the country. He has been at KLIA since it opened in 1998.

"My primary duty as Senior Manager of Aviation Security is to look after the security of the airport, passengers, aircraft and other Malaysia Airports properties within this area. We do everything from handling crisis situations to ensuring that passengers have no serious concerns with security issues.

"As with aviation security around the world, there are security procedures and guidelines to follow and we must constantly work to ensure that we are following these guidelines to the letter," he said.

Yahya is proud of the fact that KLIA has been recognised as the world's best airport (15-25 million passengers per annum category) for the second time running in 2006 and credits aviation security as one of the reasons for the airport being the recipient of the award.

"Security is an important element of the ranking process as airports are rated for a number of things, among them the thoroughness of its security checks, passenger sense of security, queue time during security checks and friendliness of staff.

"The award indicates that passengers who have travelled through KLIA have great faith in our security measures," he said.

Yahya is thankful that the airport hasn't had to face any serious crisis situations.

"We're lucky that we haven't had any major crisis although if such a situation arose, we would be ready to deal with it. Despite that, I am thankful that we have never had to utilise the stringent training we've received in handling such situations," he said.

Yahya spends much of his work day at his office. He begins his day by going through his email and other correspondence as well attending various meetings and presentations. However, he does spend a couple of hours almost daily visiting various areas at the airport to check if security measures are up to par.

"The daily routine of going to the terminal is a must unless I really cannot manage it. I need at least two hours to move around the three terminals at KLIA and to talk to the officers in my department as well as officials in other departments to check on their needs. My day wouldn't be complete without this," he said.

While he has regular working hours, Yahya says that he often returns to the airport after office hours or on weekends when emergencies occur or if a VIP is expected at the airport.

"It's not a job where you forget your responsibilities when you walk out of the office," he said.

When asked what the most challenging aspect of his job is, Yahya said: "It's a juggling act. I have to help maintain the security of the airport while managing the officers and staff that work with me in the department. I also have to make sure that the department's practices are up to our customers' requirements. It gives me great satisfaction to know that I have been able to fulfill these roles," he said.

While aviation security is something that most passengers' take for granted, Yahya is keen to emphasise the important role that his department plays in the smooth running of KLIA, the gateway to the country.

"A sense of security is of paramount importance to everyone that travels or comes to an airport. If it is missing, most people would choose not to fly or they wouldn't come to the airport to see someone off. I would say that my department is one of the most important ones at the airport. After all, we wouldn't be in business if people were too afraid to fly," he said.

Yahya is passionate about his job, even after more than two decades in the business.

"I believe that I have learnt a lot from being in this business and I love being part of the KLIA family. I have always believed that you shouldn't ask what the organisation that you are attached to can give you. Instead, I constantly strive to do my best to give as much as I can to my company. In that regard, I would say that I love the company I work for as much as I love my family," he said.

KLIA's head honcho of aviation security is a devoted family man and the proud father of five children -- four girls and a boy aged between 22 and 8.

"My children may not come to the airport regularly but they are proud of my role in keeping the airport safe," Yahya, whose wife is a teacher, said.

Yahya would like to see the airport grow in international recognition in the coming years.

"I would like KLIA's aviation security to be recognised as of world standard within the next five to 10 years. We're already recognised as the world's best airport and that's where I'd like KLIA to stay -- right there on top of the world," he said. – *By Anthea De Lima*



"IT'S NOT A JOB WHERE YOU FORGET YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN YOU WALK OUT OF THE OFFICE," SAYS YAHYA



LCCT-KLIA COVERED WALKWAY

PASSENGERS at the LCCT-KLIA, or the Low Cost Carrier Terminal, no longer have to worry about the hot sun, or getting wet, as a covered walkway has been built for thir benefit.

AirAsia passengers at the LCCT-KLIA find this a welcome addition.

The construction of the walkway was completed in March this year. It stretches across the apron, covering 27 of 30 aircraft parking bays.

The RM8 million walkway was built in just three-and-a-half months.

According LCCT-KLIA Manager Ragbhir Singh, response has been great from travelers.

Not only does it protect them from the scorching sun or rainy weather, it is also jet-blast-proof, equipped with a cooling fan as well as being outfitted with 22 CCTVs for 24-hour security monitoring.

Measuring 3 metres high and 4.2 metres wide, the facility definitely enhances traveler's comfort. – *By Rizalman Samiun*

KL TOWER INTERNATIONAL JUMP MALAYSIA 2007

What a way to celebrate the nation's 50th anniversary! Jumping off buildings in the name of unity and harmony seems to be a crazy way to demonstrate all that is good and great. Well, it is. But it seems to be a fitting way to celebrate Malaysia's 50 years of independence.

Indeed, it is a display of courage, commitment and conviction. For, how else have we, as a country and as a people, progressed this far?

And in this extreme sport where risks are calculated and precision is paramount, jumping from altitude is indeed a liberating experience.

Freedom, liberation, independence, Merdeka. It is a heady sensation.

This year professional BASE (buildings, antennas, span & earth) jumpers and skydivers from across the globe will converge to Menara Kuala Lumpur (the tallest telecommunications tower in Southeast Asia, standing at 421 metres) for the KL Tower International Jump (KLTIJ).

From Aug 8 to 26, 100 professional BASE jumpers will leap from iconic structures in Kedah, Penang, Sarawak, Sabah and Kuala Lumpur.

With the theme, "Unity & Harmony", the KL Tower International Jump 2007, jumpers will take on Menara Pelita, Sarawak (Aug 8), Menara Tun Mustapha, Sabah (Aug 11 & 12), Menara Alor Star, Kedah (Aug 16 & 17), Menara Komtar, Penang (Aug 19) and ending at Menara KL (Aug 24 – 26) and Menara TM (Aug 26).

KL Tower is the fourth tallest tower in the world and the only tower in the world surrounded by tropical rainforest.

It is a must-visit destination if you're visiting Kuala Lumpur. The Tower receives more than a million visitors a year.

Menara KL undoubtedly mirrors the achievements of independent Malaysia and her people. Still, it continues to represent hope for a far greater future. Indeed, a 'Tower of Hope'. Menara KL is a tower for the people.

Join in the celebration. Head for the tower to cheer on these daredevils, from the ground or up at Tower Head 5 at 300 metres. It promises to be an exhilarating and liberating experience.

JUMP FOR UNITY & HARMONY

JUMP DATES

TOWER	AUGUST
Menara Pelita, Sarawak:	8
Menara Tun Mustapha, Sabah:	11, 12
Menara Alor Star, Kedah:	16, 17
Menara Komtar, Penang:	19
Menara KL:	24 – 26
Menara TM:	26

Menara Kuala Lumpur Sdn Bhd (Menara Kuala Lumpur), the fourth tallest telecommunications tower in the world is undoubtedly one of the preferred destinations for tourists to the capital. It is located atop Bukit Nanas at a breathtaking height of 421 metres.

Menara Kuala Lumpur plays a vital role in broadcasting and telecommunications, where its main partners are the national broadcaster Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM) and its parent company, Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TM). Menara Kuala Lumpur which was built to improve the quality of telecommunication and broadcasting transmission, has become a significant landmark and symbol that identifies Malaysia as a great business hub of the millennium and at the same time a testimony of Malaysian capabilities in the building of high technology facilities coupled with providing world-class services.

Menara Kuala Lumpur is in the hospitality and business of experience industry. The management has continue to bring in soul and emotion to this 100,000 ton concrete tower by introducing different experiences at its best such as Viewing, Dining, Event, Shopping, Nature and Adventure experience.

At ground level, there are Tower Terrace, Amphitheatre, Jelutong Sidewalk Café and Mini Theatre. The Tower Terrace, Amphitheatre and Jelutong Sidewalk Café are outdoor venues to hold informal functions.

The Observation Deck is located at 276 metres above ground level offers spectacular views with multi language audio guide of Kuala Lumpur city skyline.

The Tower offers not only a spectacular view of the city skyline but a wide choice of venues for large or small groups, indoor or outdoor, formal or informal function. There are 4 rooms of difference sizes equipped with state-of-the-art lighting and audio visual systems for entertainment, presentation, image projection and video conferencing. The Mega View Banquet Deck can accommodate up to 400 persons for cocktail or standing reception and 350 persons for sit down function. Menara Kuala Lumpur also organizes wedding function for couples to pledge their vows at 288 metres above ground level



FOREST IN THE CITY

It is the only tower in the world surrounded by forest reserve of over 100 years of age. At the foot of Menara Kuala Lumpur, the Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve sprawls into 9.37 hectares of land occupied by abundant flora and fauna. There are several activities one can participate to appreciate nature – Guided Nature Walk, Tower Camp, Bird Watching, and Forest Trail.



OBSERVATION DECK

In order to preserve Malaysian heritage and culture, Menara Kuala Lumpur has formed its own culture troupe that showcases a variety of performance to entertain tourists. Menara Kuala Lumpur is the only tower in the world that has its own culture troupe.

The numbers of visitors to the tower has increased tremendously from the day it was opened, back in 1996. Apart from local visitors, Menara Kuala Lumpur's visitors were mainly from India, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, China, United Kingdom and Australia. For 2006, the visitors visited the tower was predominantly from Hong Kong. The tower is expected to receive more than 1 million visitors this year in conjunction with the Visit Malaysia Year 2007.



SERI ANGKASA REVOLVING RESTAURANT

For the past eight years Menara Kuala Lumpur has played host to international and world-class events such as Kuala Lumpur Tower International Jump (KLTIJ). Traditionally, jumpers jump at Menara Kuala Lumpur and Menara Alor Star. However in line with the Menara Kuala Lumpur 10th Anniversary celebration, the celebration of 49th Independence Day and its initiative to promote Visit Malaysia Year 2007, Menara Kuala Lumpur has injected this excitement to other states such as Sabah, Sarawak and Pulau Pinang

Kuala Lumpur International Towerthon is also being held every year and the race covers some 800-metre run uphill, moving on to the stairs at the upper Ground Floor, running up the 2,058 steps and finishing at the Tower Head Level 3 or more fondly known as the Mega View Banquet Deck at 288 metres above Kuala Lumpur.

As a member of the World Federations of Great Towers (WFGT), Menara Kuala Lumpur is preparing to host the WFGT 2007 Conference in Kuala Lumpur from September 3-8, 2007, which coincides with Visit Malaysia Year 2007. Delegates from 20 famous towers in the world will gather at this conference.

For 2007, Menara Kuala Lumpur has planned world-class events such as KL International Jump, Towerthon, KL Tower Hunt, Tower Kidz Birthday Celebration, and Walk Down Memory Lane in conjunction with 50th Independence Day Celebrations. Menara Kuala Lumpur will also be promoting new products for year 2007, such as 'Agro-tourism' and 'Eco-tourism'.

Effective 2007, leveraging on its track records and experience in managing the tower, Menara Kuala Lumpur is now managing Muzium Telekom and Menara Alor Star. Muzium Telekom is the first interactive museum in Malaysia. A visit to the museum promises to be an informative experience. Upon entering, chronological accounts of every milestone in the nation's telecommunications history are revealed, supported by a wealth of artifacts from the respective eras and sounds capes.

The Alor Star Tower is the world's 19th tallest telecommunication tower. It stands at a height of 165.5 metres and the observation area located on 88 metres level which enable visitors to enjoy the panoramic view of the landscape that stretches from Kedah Peak to the Straits of Malacca, and also as tourist attraction as well as recreational center for art and cultural activities.

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A THAI ROYAL PRESENCE: Thailand's Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn will attend Malaysia's 50th nationhood anniversary on Aug 30 and 31, the Prime Minister's Office announced in Bangkok.

He will be accompanied by his consort, Princess Srirasmi, and Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont.

A statement issued after a meeting chaired by Surayud in July to discuss his three visits to Malaysia, said Thai dignitaries would attend several special events in conjunction with the Merdeka celebrations, including an exhibition on former and current Malaysian prime ministers.

They would attend a banquet at the Istana Negara and the Merdeka celebration at the Merdeka Stadium in Kuala Lumpur. Surayud will also attend the Langkawi International Dialogue on Aug 5.

This is the first time that leaders from Thailand and other Indochinese countries have been invited to the dialogue which previously involved only Malaysian and African countries. Surayud will also be present at the Malaysia-Thailand Annual Consultation in Penang on Aug 20-23. – *Bernama*

9/11 CANINE HERO DIES OF CANCER: A black Labrador who became an American national canine hero after burrowing through white-hot, smoking debris in search of survivors at the World Trade Center site died in New York July after a battle with cancer.

Owner Mary Flood had Jake put to sleep after a last stroll through the fields and a dip in the creek near their home in Oakley, Utah. He was in too much pain at the end, shaking with a 105-degree fever as he lay on the lawn.

The results of an autopsy on Jake's cancer-riddled body will be part of a University of Pennsylvania medical study of Sept. 11 search-and-rescue dogs.

Flood had adopted Jake as a 10-month-old disabled puppy — abandoned on a street with a broken leg and a dislocated hip.

"But against all odds he became a world-class rescue dog," said Flood, a member of Utah Task Force 1, one of eight federal search-and-rescue teams that desperately looked for human remains at ground zero.

SARAWAK HOMESTAY: The Tourism Ministry has approved a RM2.4 million allocation to further boost Sarawak's homestay programme.

Sarawak Urban Development and Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Wong Soon Koh said the federal funds would be used to improve homestay facilities throughout the state. Speaking when launching the "Homestay Website and Homestay Directory" recently, he said 12 villages with 118 participants had registered for the homestay programme so far compared with only five villages when it was first mooted in 1996.

For details on Sarawak's homestay programme, visit *www.right.sarawak.gov.my/homestay* or *www.mudtour.sarawak.gov.my*. – *Bernama*



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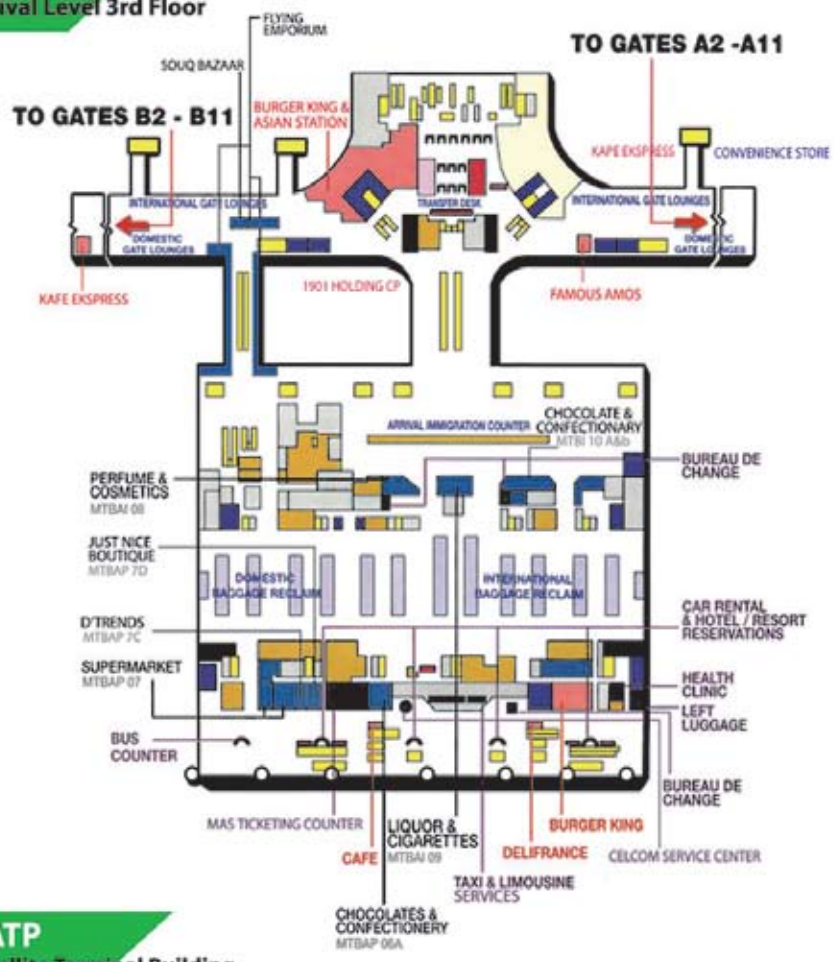
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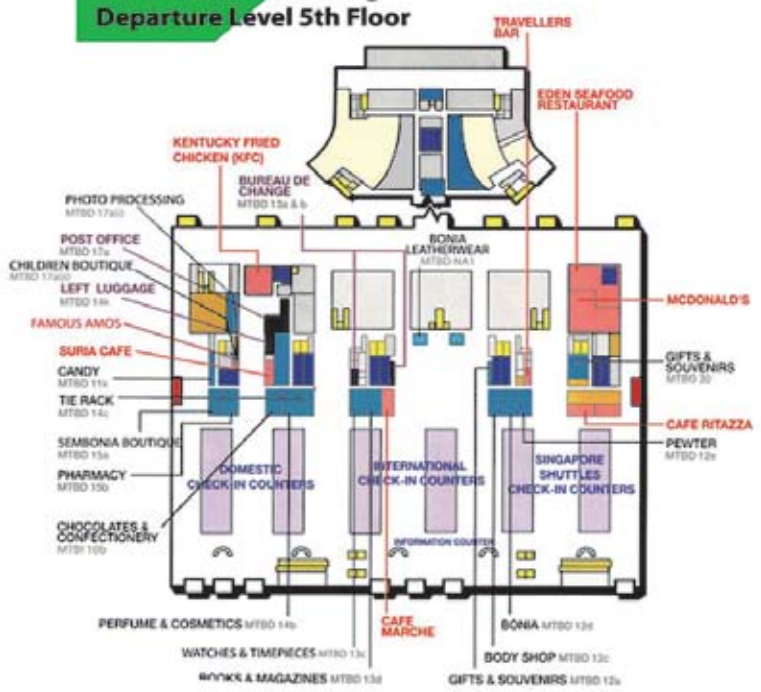
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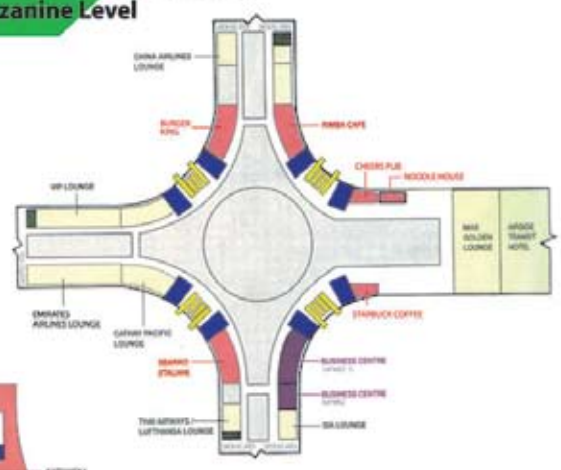
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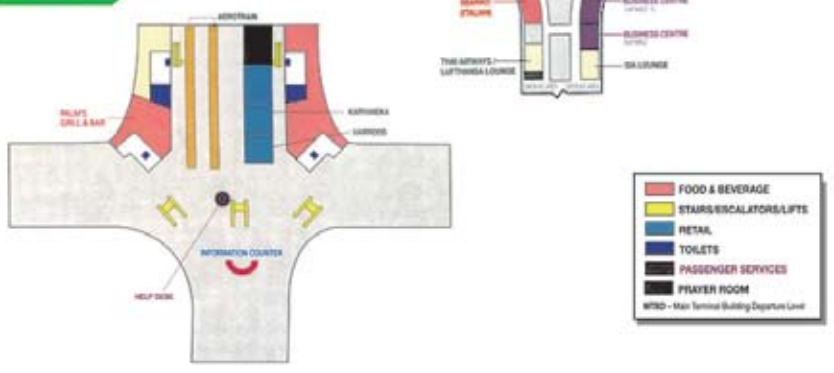
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Passenger Level



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CP-International Level
4th Floor



DINING OUTLETS AT MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING

LEVEL 5
- ASIAN CAFÉ
- TRAVELLERS BAR
- KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN
- CAFFÉ RITAZZA
- EDEN
- MCDONALD'S

LEVEL 4
- FOOD PARADISE

LEVEL 3
- MALAYSIAN WOK/EAST POINT RITAZZA
- DELIFRANCE EXPRESS
- BURGER KING
- NELSON

LEVEL 2
- FOOD GARDEN

DINING OUTLETS AT SATELLITE BUILDING

PASSENGER LEVEL

FOCAL POINT
- TROPICAL LOUNGE

TOWARDS GATES C11 - C17
- DELIFRANCE

TOWARDS GATES C21 - C27
- DOME CAFE

TOWARDS GATES C31 - C37
- FORRESTIER BAR

MEZZANINE LEVEL
- STARBUCKS COFFEE
- SBARRO
- BURGER KING
- RIMBA JUNGLE CAFÉ
- CHEERS
- NÖÖÖDLES HOUSE

DINING OUTLETS AT CONTACT PIER BUILDING

INTERNATIONAL
- HARRODS CAFÉ
- PALMS GRILL & BAR
- 1901 HOT DOG

DOMESTIC
- BURGER KING & ASIAN STATION
- CAFE

FASHION & JEWELLERY AT MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING

LEVEL 5
- SEMBONIA BOUTIQUE
- CHILDREN BOUTIQUE
- TIE RACK
- BONIA BOUTIQUE
- BONIA LEATHERWEAR

LEVEL 3
- JUST NICE BOUTIQUE
- D'TRENDS

FASHION & JEWELLERY AT SATELLITE BUILDING

TOWARDS GATES C1-C6
- CHILDREN BOUTIQUE
- TIE RACK
- SPORTSWEAR
- MULTIPLE FASHION

TOWARDS GATES C11-C17
- GOLD CITY
- HABIB JEWELS
- ZAM GEMS
- IMANA COLLECTION (COSTUME JEWELLERY)

TOWARDS GATES C21-C27
- MULTIPLE BRANDS
- ASEAN FASHION & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- GOLD BAZAAR
  - GOLD CITY
  - ZAM GEMS
  - SELBERAN
- LEATHER & TRAVEL
- SUNGLASSES

TOWARDS GATES C31-C37
- HERMES
- COACH
- MONT BLANC
- VERSACE
- CHRISTIAN DIOR
- SALVATORE FERRAGAMO
- MANGO
- BURBERRY
- DUNHILL
- GUY LAROCHE
- LACOSTE

LIQUOR, CIGARETTES, GIFTS, CHOCOLATES, COSMETICS & FRAGRANCES AT MAIN TERMNAL BUILDING

LEVEL 5
- GIFTS & SOUVENIRS
- CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY
- PERFUME & COSMETICS
- PUSRAWI PHARMACY
- PHOTO PROCESSING
- GIFTS & SOUVENIRS
- THE BODY SHOP
- BOOKS & MAGAZINE
- FAMOUS AMOS

LEVEL 3
- CONVENIENCE STORE
- A&B FLORIST KIOSK
- CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS -AIRSIDE
- LIQUOR & CIGARETTES
- CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY
- PERFUMES & COSMETICS

LEVEL 1
- CONVENIENCE STORE

LIQUOR, CIGARETTES, GIFTS, CHOCOLATES, COSMETICS & FRAGRANCES AT SATELLITE BUILDING

TOWARDS GATES C1-C6
- ROYAL SELANGOR PEWTER
- BOOKS & MAGAZINE
- THE BODY SHOP
- GUARDIAN PHARMACY

TOWARDS GATES C11-C17
- EMPORIUM - LIQUOR, CIGARETTES, CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY
- PERFUME SHOP
- MALAYSIAN ARTWORKS
- COSMETICS & BEAUTY CENTER
- MADE IN MALAYSIA

TOWARDS GATES C21-C27
- HARRODS
- LIQUOR & CIGARETTES
- ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS
- SONY
- GIFTS & SOUVENIRS
- CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY
- MUSIC & VIDEO
- GIFTS & SOUVENIRS - ANTIQUE SHOP
- MADE IN MALAYSIA

TOWARDS GATES C31-C37
- PERFUME & COSMETICS
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DE VILLE HOUR VISION

THE De Ville Hour Vision movement, which "propels OMEGA to a different level in watchmaking", was introduced in Kuala Lumpur last month. The in-house manufactured calibres features 202 new components and ensures that "OMEGA remains as the vanguard in the horology arena," David Ponzo, OMEGA Vice-President South-East Asia, told a gathering of loyal Omega customers and distinguished members of society.



(FROM LEFT) **JOSEPH BOUDVILLE, DAVID PONZO & KEY SOON YUE**



PONZO (LEFT) **& TAN SRI FRANCIS YEOH**



DATO' FRANCIS SEW (LEFT) **& BOUDVILLE**



DATO' RAYMOND LIEW & DATIN YUL SHIN LIEW

CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT: **SERENA C, NORYN AZIZ & FRANK LOW; BERNARD TAN & CHERMAINE POO; AND ADELINE CHOO.**





'DIZZY' ORIS NIGHT

IN line with the launch of the "ORIS Dizzy Gillespie Limited Edition Jazz Watch", ORIS treated guests to a spectacular evening with jazz sensation Noryn Aziz last month. Every year since 1992, ORIS has paid tribute to some of jazz's most famous names like Andy Sheppard, John McLaughlin, Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis and Frank Sinatra. This year, ORIS picked a man that revolutionised the jazz scene with his unique sounds, the father of be-bop and modern jazz – Dizzy Gillespie.





PENSONIC FOUNDER/ GROUP EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN DATO SERI CHEW WENG KHAK (BACK ROW, THIRD FROM LEFT) **WITH COMPANY OFFICIALS AND GUESTS.**

PENSONIC 25TH BIRTHDAY

PENANG-based home appliance manufacturer Pensonic Holdings kicked off its 25th Anniversary celebrations on July 2 at the Westin Hotel in Kuala Lumpur by announcing a series of events and activities that will be rolled out over 25 weeks.



DATUK DR WEE AND REYMEE MOHAMED HUSSEIN, THE CHIEF FESTIVAL DIRECTOR AT THE LAUNCH

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

MORE than 50 top local, regional and International artistes and performing arts groups from around the world will converge in the Klang Valley for "LIVE & LOUD KL 07" from Nov 23 to Dec 2, 2007. To be held at outdoor and indoor venues, the 10-day musical extravaganza is expected to confirm Malaysia as a top destination for music and entertainment-based tourism, says Datuk Dr Victor Wee, Ministry of Tourism Secretary General, at the launch ealier this month.



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A BITE OF MALAYSIA



CHINESE FRIED RICE ala MALAYSIA

INGREDIENTS

2 plates cooked white rice ▶ 1 cup de-shelled fresh prawns/shrimps ▶ 1 cup thinly-sliced chicken fillet (pre-cooked) ▶ 1 cup sliced cabbage or peas or half cup thinly-sliced carrots ▶ 4 eggs (beaten) ▶ 5 pounded red chillies ▶ 3 thinly-sliced small red onions (optional) ▶ 3 thinly-sliced garlic ▶ 1 thinly-sliced stick spring onion ▶ Salt (to taste)

METHOD

Heat oil and fry onion, garlic and then the pounded chillies. Add in the chicken meat and then the prawns. Add in the vegetabels. Let simmer on low heat for about five minutes. Add the beaten eggs. Stir mixture. Add in the rice., mix it well with mixture. Add i salt. Then, the sliced spring onion. Serve hot.

HEALTH MATTERS

BY DR RIDZWAN BAKAR

HAVE MALAYSIA, WILL TRAVEL



AUGUST is a traditionally busy month for many countries as far as celebrating nationhood is concerned. At least 19 countries celebrate their independence days during this month.

Malaysia is no exception and August 31 carries an added significance this year as it marks 50 years of existence for Malaysia. So if you happen to be in the country round about this time, watch out for the myriad of activities held to celebrate this occasion.

From the health viewpoint, Malaysia has made tremendous strides in terms of healthcare delivery. Today, it has one of the lowest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world for developing countries. These indices are often used to indicate the level of how successful a country has managed to deliver healthcare to its citizens.

As a visitor to this country, you might want to acquaint yourself to the various facilities available. While we wish that your visit will be pleasant and illness-free, should (in the unfortunate event) you fall ill and need to visit the doctor, it will be worthwhile to know where to go.

Malaysia has a dual healthcare delivery system – public and private. This means that, as a visitor, you have a choice of either using the public hospitals which are government-run, or, using the numerous stand-alone private clinics and private hospitals found in every town.

As in most government-run facility in most countries, waiting times are long although charges are very reasonable as they are subsidised. Private clinics and hospitals offer almost immediate service at higher prices but certainly affordable when compared to other countries. All hospitals, public or private, have 24-hour emergency departments which are capable of offering immediate treatment.

The level of medical care is excellent for many reasons, amongst which includes the fact that the staff are English-speaking, the doctors trained to established Western standards and the facilities accredited by national and international bodies.

What do you need to do should you unfortunately fall ill?

In a major emergency, you have several options:

Dial 999 on a land-line

Dial 112 on a mobile phone.

Get advice from the hotel concierge or anyone handy as to the nearest hospital, private or public. All hospitals have an emergency unit and early treatment is important so the nearest hospital matters.

If the ailment is not so major, just walk in to any of the private primary-care clinics, some of which are open 24 hours. There you will be seen almost immediately by the doctor and if the necessity arises, onward referral to a hospital can be arranged. A consultation with the doctor plus medications (usually supplied in-house, thus saving a trip to the pharmacy) should not cost more than 100 ringgit, but be prepared to pay out-of-pocket as most do not accept third-party payers who issue health-cards.

Here are some additional tips:

Private clinics accept cash as payment. Only some accept credit-cards, so do enquire beforehand.

Private hospitals, especially the larger ones also accept international health insurance cards like BUPA, AIU and AXA, in which case all payments will be taken care of, upon confirmation.

If planning an admission to any hospital, try to enquire before arrival that there is a vacancy, as occupancy rates tend to maximal especially in the more established private hospitals.

If planning a major procedure or surgery, it is your right to enquire in detail and request for additional opinions if necessary. As the standard of healthcare is high, often there is no need to do so.

You may also request for cost estimates prior to the service being provided. Do not be too surprised that the rates appear low, as Malaysia has one of the most affordable healthcare services in the region. This does not necessarily imply inferior quality of service but largely reflects the lower fixed costs, like wages, utilities and rentals.

Malaysia also offers excellent consumer-friendly services in other healthcare-related areas as well. Got a toothache? Just get to the nearest private dental surgeon and an immediate appointment can be given. The charges are very reasonable compared to Western clinics and the results are as good. In fact, more and more visitors from the Middle East and Europe are finding to their delight that the cost and standard of treatment are excellent, be it root-canal therapy or dental implant.

Lost your contact-lens? No problem – just walk in to any optician's and they will replace it without the hassle of seeing an optometrist /ophthalmologist first to get a prescription.

Here's wishing you an enjoyable healthy stay in Malaysia with the peace of mind of knowing that should illness strike, you are in good hands!

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